

with their fellow citizens of other States, by doing that which all agree is practicable, which necessity and a proper regard for the interests of the State, the prosperity of her citizens, prove to be expedient, and which the general welfare demands should be effected, as "an object of more extensive usefulness in a national, as well as local point of view, than any other work of a similar character in our country."^{*}

But practicable, expedient and proper, as the committee are satisfied the opening an inlet from the Ocean to Albemarle Sound may be, and important as they know it to be to a large portion of the State, they are aware that the resources of North Carolina are at present insufficient to effect it. But they are likewise well assured that whilst her commerce labours under such insuperable difficulties, there is little hope that, at any future period, she will be better able to make the necessary appropriation. Under this conviction, and believing that the State of North Carolina, upon the most elevated grounds may of right claim, at the hands of the General Government, an appropriation sufficient to remove the obstruction complained of as a general evil; believing, too, that whilst appropriations have been, and are continually making to improve harbours, open rivers, make roads, &c. in other parts of the Union, none of which can be of more importance to the national safety or prosperity than the opening an inlet from Albemarle Sound to the Ocean, our claim for such an appropriation, if properly urged by our Senators and Representatives in Congress, would be readily and promptly accorded, they earnestly recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution, which they respectfully submit.

Whereas the re opening the Roanoke Inlet, which communicates directly the waters of the Atlantic Ocean and the Albemarle Sound, is a work of great importance to the commerce of the country and to the national defence, and in the opinion of this General Assembly is a work proper to be effected by the General Government: Therefore

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to urge the same upon the General Government, and to use their influence to procure a sufficient appropriation to re-open the communication, at or near Nags Head, between the Albemarle Sound and the Atlantic Ocean.

BRIGER I. MONTGOMERY, *Chairman.*

* Engineer's report, by Backs.